

The newsletter of University Lutheran Church and One Community Lutheran Campus Ministry at Michigan State University

**Mark Your Calendars . . .**

**Tight Knit  
(Knitting/Crocheting group)**

Now meeting in-person  
beginning Monday, April 4 at  
3:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room

**Midweek Lenten Worship**

Apr. 6  
In-person at noon  
Facebook at 7 p.m.

**Holy Week**

Palm Sunday – Apr. 10 at 10 a.m.  
Maundy Thursday Apr. 14  
7 p.m. – in-person & Facebook  
Good Friday – Seven Last Words  
Apr. 15 – Noon to 3 p.m.  
(New segment every 25 min.)

**Food Movers**

Thursday, Apr. 28  
Set-up 3:30 p.m.  
Drive-thru distribution

**Pub Theology**

Tuesday, Apr. 26 at 7 p.m.  
Zoom (call 332-2559 for link)

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**What Does Servant  
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The theme for this year's spring break service trip centered around the theme “you invited me in” from Matthew 25:35. Jesus says, “When I was hungry, you gave me something to eat. When I was thirsty, you gave me something to drink. When I was a stranger, you invited me in.”



Evening devotions helped us focus and reflect on the "God-sightings" we experienced while at our Habitat build, or while travelling, and building community. Students were able to focus on the ways we had been *invited in* – to live among the Charleston, SC community, not to save it – and to walk alongside these folks on a journey that started way before we ever arrived. Read more about our spring break trip on page 4.

*Pastor Haley Vay*



Sunday,  
April 17  
10 a.m. ET  
In-person  
and on  
Facebook

## It Feels Like Good Friday

I'm writing this article on March 11 because we have a March 14 deadline for the April Lux articles. As I write this, I need to write about Easter because the April issue of the Lux needs to include Easter. But I don't feel like writing about Easter. Not at all. That's because it's the middle of Lent. But even more, because it feels more like Good Friday.

It's been over two weeks since Russia invaded Ukraine and because of the invention of 24-hour news channels and internet access, we've all been bombarded with news and images of the death and destruction in Ukraine. I just read an article while I was eating lunch about a mother and her two children who were killed by a mortar strike in Irpin as they were trying to evacuate to safety. It's heart breaking. It feels like Good Friday.

And as I hear all this news, I just wonder what will happen and where this will all go? Will the war escalate into a bigger war? Will cease-fire talks bear fruit? Will our country end up sending troops and planes to fight? What will get Russia to stop? What will happen with all these millions of refugees? How will the world care for them? What will



become of Ukraine and its people? It feels like Good Friday.

It feels like we've been in an extended two-year-long Good Friday because of the pandemic. For two years, we've been surrounded with illness and death, and our lives have been radically affected. We had stay-at-home orders and quarantined. We worked from home. We wore masks and social distanced. We stopped going places or eating out for long periods of time. It feels like Good Friday.

But the reality of Easter is that Easter comes when it's Good Friday. Easter comes when things are at their worst, when death is real, and all hope seems to be lost. Easter comes unexpectedly and unannounced.

The first disciples had no clue about Easter, even though Jesus had told

them that he would be crucified and then be raised on the third day. They only knew death. They only knew Good Friday and crucifixion. They only knew grief and pain.

But we know about Easter. We know that death does not have the final word. We know that God raised Jesus to life and that God acts to bring life after death, Easter after Good Friday, resurrection after death. And it's that promise that permeates all of life.

No one has any idea of the outcome of the war in Ukraine – whether it will come to a peace settlement quickly, drag on for months or years, or if more countries will get involved and it escalates into a bigger war. None of us knows when the pandemic will finally be over, or the future of our lives. But what we do know is that Jesus is the resurrection and the life, and that death won't have the final word, and that Jesus brings life where only death exists.

May this Easter bless you with the gift of hope and life, even as we live in the midst of Good Friday.

*Pastor Gary*

*Passion Sunday*  
**WORSHIP**

Sunday, April 10  
10:00 am ET  
In Person & on Facebook Live

*Maunder Thursday*  
**WORSHIP**

Thursday, April 14  
7:00 pm ET  
In Person &  
on Facebook Live

*Good Friday*  
**WORSHIP**

Seven Last Words  
Friday, April 15  
12:00 pm to 3:00 pm ET  
In Person & on Facebook Live

## Family Faith Formation

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### Easter Egg Hunt at ULC

Mark your calendars and join us for a morning of *EGGstraordinary* Easter fun!

**Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. to Noon**, our Youth & Family Ministry Team is hosting an Easter Carnival. Weather permitting, we will gather outdoors in the south lot and north lawn (please park in the back lot). Rain location is the Fellowship Hall; if relocated indoors, masks are required to protect the most vulnerable among us—*thank you!* Children of every age and ability are welcome to participate. No sign up is necessary. We look forward to welcoming you!

**10 a.m.– Let the Carnival Games begin!** We gather in the south parking lot to make our way through *EGGciting* Easter Carnival games and receive *EGGStravagant* Easter surprises. Children of every age and ability are welcome to participate.



I'm back!

**11 a.m. – Egg Hunt begins!** On the north lawn each age group will be assigned colors of eggs for their search. Once you have collected your eggs, return them to the Easter Bunny's burrow and receive special Easter treats!

**11:30 a.m. – Sharing the Easter message!** Gather on the north lawn to experience the story of "The First Easter" and take photos with the Easter Bunny.

**Please bring your own basket!**

**We welcome candy donations, too!** Please drop off individually wrapped mini pieces of candy (small enough to fit in eggs) in the box labeled "Easter Egg Hunt" at the ULC Office before Sunday, Apr.10. Thank you for your help in serving our community in Christ's love this Easter!

*Pastor Haley Vay*

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### Summer Bible and Music Camp

Our two summer camp offerings, Vacation Bible School and Youth Music Camp, are combining to become ULC's **NEW Summer Bible and Music Camp**.

Sunday-Thursday, June 12-16, we will gather from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. On Friday, June 17 we will enjoy a concert celebration in the evening when students will be welcome to invite family and friends and share what they've learned at camp.



2019 Camp at ULC

Children and youth of all ages and abilities are welcome to Summer Bible

and Music Camp. We will also offer an adult Bible study component for those who are interested.

These five evenings of camp include exploration in vocal music and ukulele, Bible adventure and crafts, **PLUS** a **FREE** T-shirt and special guest artists sharing their gifts and love for music.

*Pastor Haley Vay and Music Director  
Janine Novenske Smith*

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### Worship Wednesday

Children and youth of all ages and abilities are welcome (parents, grandparents, and caregivers, too!) to join us each week in Worship Wednesday at 4:15 p.m. on Zoom. What can I expect when I participate? A typical afternoon includes our Welcome Song, followed by introductions, and answering a Question of the Day, like "What's your favorite water activity?" or "How do you show you love someone?"

These questions help set the scene for our Bible adventure. Then we enjoy Music Class with Mrs. Janine. We learn

songs that we record for Children's Choir, projects, and it is so much fun! Then we have our snack while Pastor Haley Vay reads a story, then leads a fun activity to help us apply what we are learning about faith to real life, and then we pray together.

If you can't join us live, videos are posted weekly to ULC's YouTube channel under the Worship Wednesday playlist.

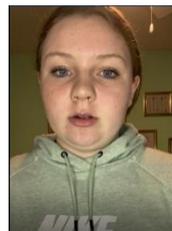
*Pastor Haley Vay*

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### Confirmation

Our Confirmation students are putting faith in action by helping lead worship this Lenten season. They each recorded prayers from Holden Evening Prayer, which are then featured in worship on Wednesdays at both services, in-person at noon and on Facebook at 7 p.m.

*Pastor Haley Vay*



Morgan F. and Brianna G. lead worship through prayer.

## What Does Servant Leadership Mean to You?

Jesus gives us one example in the gospel reading from John 13:1-17, when he humbles himself, washing the feet of his disciples, even the feet of those who would betray him.

True to form, Jesus turns the tables and challenges social structures that were so ingrained, people were no longer able to recognize them as limitations. By taking a towel and wrapping it around his waist, he shook a long-standing, deeply rooted, social hierarchy.

Jesus showed his friends how to reimagine a world where the systems they had become accustomed to were no longer the law of the land. He emptied himself, so that others could be lifted up. And in doing so, Jesus shows his disciples a new way of being, *of living* according to the invitation he extends on their behalf: to join with Jesus in taking an active role in leading through serving with a humble heart.

Jesus says, “If I have washed your feet, you should also wash one another’s feet.”

During this year’s campus ministry service trip to Charleston, South Carolina, our students focused on what it means to be a servant leader, which includes active listening, an intention for learning, and an openness to growing in faith and love toward strangers who become friends.

They led devotions each evening, that called us to focus on the theme “You invited me in” from Matthew 25:35. Jesus says, “When I was hungry, you gave me something to eat. When I was thirsty, you gave me something to drink. When I was a stranger, you invited me in.”



Having fun while serving!

Their devotions helped us focus on the God-sightings around us each day, and the ways we had been *invited in* – to live among the Charleston community, not to save it, but to walk alongside these folks on a journey that started way before we ever arrived.

Alex and Forrest will be moving in soon to the house we were privileged to work on finishing. Charleston’s Habitat for Humanity broke ground on this house seven years ago. Construction was paused on this specific site the last time we served in Charleston four years ago, which is why on that trip we had participated in laying the foundation on another home back in 2018.

Our project manager, Dave, remembered MSU fondly from that trip, saying he couldn’t wait for us to return. This is the same Dave who told us back then, when we were struggling with our progress on the foundation, that we were *right on track* because building community is the primary goal. That’s a powerful memory that has stayed with me throughout these years.

This time around, our team wondered if we were doing enough, and Dave was quick to point out the Habitat slogan, “building homes and hope.” He said, “It’s not one or the other. It’s both. What you’re doing is more than enough. You’re not just building a home, you’re building hope alongside a family who has waited so long for this.”

The time has finally come for this family of two: mom Alex and four-year-old son Forrest, to move into their new home on Reid Street. Forrest was born with only one limb and uses his “super chair” (Forrest’s words) to get around. Habitat installed an electric lift and made their entire home fully accessible.



Pastor Haley Vay and Narindra paint on tutu Tuesday.



Habitat workshop.

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I mentioned the hold ups with this project. There are strict building codes in the historical district where the home is located. Add Covid to that, where the supply chain is interrupted, and to this day projects that used to take two weeks are taking six to eight. Additionally, the cost of supplies has increased exponentially (Some materials cost seven times their original price.) So has the housing market. And Charleston's Habitat crew has dwindled in size over the past two years; they are having to do so much more with so much less. ***Their story is a relatable one these days.***

There is no denying that times are tough. Yet, I'm humbled to stand before you with joy in my heart, not turning my head to the madness. I see what's going on in the world as do our students, and we reflect on these issues with deep faithfulness. I'm also reminded, as I hope you are today too, that "though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet." There are stories of good news to be told. Stories of building up hope. Stories of faith in action.

In this story from John's gospel, Jesus shows us one way to put faith in action and kneel before our neighbor in the role of a servant leader. This week I was privileged to witness so many ways, through words of affirmation and encouragement, through a keen perception to the needs and feelings of others, and through physical acts of loving kindness that our students share so authentically to each of their personalities, and collectively as the body of Christ.

This year in campus ministry our students have been so dedicated, coming to the table each week during our Friday @ Five



gatherings, eager to be together, seeking a courageous calm amid the Covid chaos. And in the midst of all that these past two years has ushered in, they have been dedicated to being the church, inviting in new and returning students, calming one another's fears, being present for one another's tears, listening closely to each other's questions, and making time for rest and rejuvenation, to laugh and joke, and bring one another joy in Christian community.

So, what does it mean to be a servant leader?

To volunteer your entire spring break for the purpose of building community, learning from, and experiencing the joy of Jesus at every opportunity.

To be a servant leader can also mean being our team's resident campfire builder.

Being a servant leader means adopting alter egos like "Rooshi Tooshi and Rasha Tasha" who make our entire crew laugh until we cry after a long day of work.

Being a servant leader means sharing kindness from your heart, being perceptive and thoughtful, lending a helping hand in the kitchen, and when you see a need, fulfilling it, no matter if you get credit for it in the end.

Being a servant leader looks like teaching your peers about home

projects instead of thinking it's easier to do it yourself.

It looks like sharing insecurities about body image and ability, that open doors for deeper understanding, compassion, and empathy among peers.

Servant leadership looks like taking a week away from your FoodCorps/AmeriCorps job to serve with your campus ministry alma mater and have the spring break service trip you missed during your senior year because of Covid.

It looks like trying new things, like leading devotions for the very first time...and rocking it!

It's being a sure and reliable presence.

It's lifting an intentional prayer for the people in Ukraine, *and* the people in Russia.

Jesus says, "If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

Jesus says, "So if I your Lord and teacher have washed your feet, so also you should wash one another's feet. For I have set an example that you also should do as I have done to you."

For more on our students' reflections, please visit the ULC YouTube channel under the "Online Worship Resources" Playlist and click on Worship for Sunday, March 6, 2022.

Click [HERE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=46BdDIYRhYE&list=PLnny4u6Ssz0MHGSu_3Yhp6dCDwCVrpdG-&index=5) for a video reflection made by Student Associate, Rachel Drobnak. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=46BdDIYRhYE&list=PLnny4u6Ssz0MHGSu\\_3Yhp6dCDwCVrpdG-&index=5](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=46BdDIYRhYE&list=PLnny4u6Ssz0MHGSu_3Yhp6dCDwCVrpdG-&index=5)

*Pastor Haley Vay*



# Painting the Stars

“We are not separate from the creativity that produced us.”

As the forum year comes to its close, we hope to set April and May aglow with another fascinating and provocative DVD series that takes its title from a quote by Vincent Van Gogh, who once mused, “When I have a terrible need of – shall I say the word – religion, then I go out and paint the stars.” *Painting the Stars* “invites skeptics, seekers, the ‘spiritual but not religious,’ and people of faith to a conversation about the intersection of science and religion.”

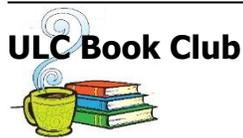
Bill and I were lucky enough to preview this seven-week course (to be led by Pastor Gary) and found that it not only lives up to the rave reviews, but, perhaps more importantly, challenges and encourages communities of faith to take an active role in respecting, preserving, and defending “the amazing complexity of species and life that live on this planet.” The series brings a perfect range of topics for the weeks surrounding Earth Day!

Contributors include several of our favorites from *Saving Jesus Redux*: Matthew Fox, Bernard Brandon Scott, and John Shelby Spong, along with well-known American Christian columnist, Rachel Held Evans, New Testament Professor at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, Barbara Rossing, and many others.

Join us on Zoom at home or at church!  
Invite Your Friends!

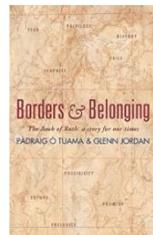
- Apr. 3 - Toward Healing the Rift
- Apr. 10 - A Renaissance of Wonder
- Apr. 17 – No Forum (Easter)
- Apr. 24 - Getting Genesis Wrong
- May 1 - An Evolving Faith
- May 8 - Evolutionary Christianity
- May 15 - Imagining a Future
- May 22 - An Evolving Spirituality: Mysticism

Linda Trevarthen



## ***Borders and Belonging: The Book of Ruth*** *A Story for Our Times*

ULC Book Club will meet next on Thursday, April 21 at 10 a.m. We will discuss *Borders and Belonging: The Book of Ruth: a story for our times* by Pádraig Ó Tuama & Glenn Jordan. This book uses lessons from *The Book of Ruth* to identify ways for people with varying views to work together on today’s divisive social and political issues.



also offer the option of attending book club via Zoom for anyone who is uncomfortable with attending in person. As before, we will continue to monitor COVID numbers and change how we meet if needed.

If you would like to join us, please contact us at [bwojan1@gmail.com](mailto:bwojan1@gmail.com) or [mkotnik@comcast.net](mailto:mkotnik@comcast.net) and

keep you informed about how and where we will meet.

We meet the third Thursday of the month at 10 a.m. through the month of May.

Looking ahead, in May we will discuss *The Five Wounds* by Kirstin Valdez Quade. Over the summer we will read *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and discuss this book at our September meeting.

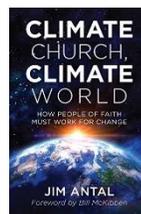
We have begun meeting in person again in the ULC Fireside room. We

we will add you to our email list and

Beth Rahe and Mary Kotnik

## Climate Church, Climate World

**The Holle Speaker Series** at Faith Lutheran Church will host Rev. Jim Antal the author of *Climate Church, Climate World: How People of Faith Must Work for Change*, on Saturday, April 23 from 9:30 a.m. -3 p.m. The event is free to the public. Register at <https://bit.ly/HolleSpeakerSeries>.



provide the leadership necessary to realize God’s dream of a just world in which humanity is reconciled to all creation.” Desmond Tutu

The book was very well received at a recent Book Study group at the Synod level. It can be found in the ULC Library and is available to be

“Jim Antal shows how the church can engage the urgent moral crisis of climate change. This book will inspire both the courage and conviction people of faith need to

checked out.

Judy Kindel

# Invest in Our Planet

The theme for Earth Day 2022 is **Invest in Our Planet**. This is the moment to change it all — the business climate, the political climate and how WE take action on climate. “We need to act (boldly) innovate (broadly) and implement (equitably). It’s going to take all of us. All in — businesses, government and citizens — everyone accounted for and everyone accountable, a partnership for the planet.” ([earthday.org](http://earthday.org))

Many Lutherans and others of faith believe climate change to be a moral issue that calls for immediate action to preserve our creation as God intended it for all creatures. On Earth Day, April 22 think about your personal **Act of Green** and take

action. Perhaps you will choose ways to consciously break away from single use plastic. Or add another R for **RALLY** to the other five R’s we commonly practice. Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Remove. **RALLY** by sending a letter or making a call to local, state and national elected leaders to express the importance you feel about protecting and improving our environment.

ULC is working at the local level to help reduce the use of fossil fuel by supporting a project for the installation of solar panels at Redeemer Lutheran Church in



Lansing. Thanks to a generous gift from our neighbors at the Islamic Center in 2019, ULC was able to install a 20kw system on our roof. We have benefitted from this system with lower electric bills and reduction of our carbon footprint.

We as a church have committed to passing this gift forward by helping fund solar at the Southside Community Coalition in Lansing last year, and now at Redeemer. It is a gift that keeps giving well into the future and helps us all practice stewardship of God’s creation.

*Judy Kindel*

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## April Outreach of the Month Redeemer Lutheran Solar Panels

In the New Testament book of Acts: chapter 9, verse 16: “During the night, Paul had a vision; there stood a man of Macedonia, pleading with him, saying, “come over to Macedonia and help us.” Our April Outreach of the Month is Redeemer Lutheran Church, Lansing. The ULC Earthkeeping Team is asking the congregation to financially help Pastor Jan Hite and Helping Hands Ministry at Redeemer install a solar array to reduce their energy costs and to help the environment.



We have challenged ourselves to raise the cost of 25 solar panels at the cost of 900 dollars each, for a total of \$22,500. If you are not able to help with the cost of a panel, any amount would contribute to the cause of the project. To give to the April outreach, you can use all the ways which are listed on the ULC web site. Please note “Redeemer Solar” in the memo. Thank you for reading this.

*Michael Anderson  
ULC Earthkeeping Team*

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## Change for a CHANGE Lenten Collection

All through February and March you have heard about ULC’s truly wonderful pledge to help fund FREE summer camp for ALL at [Living Water Ministries](http://Living Water Ministries) this year. Please be generous in your giving.



How to contribute:

- **Collect your loose change** - Grab a jar or suitable container and toss in your loose change throughout Lent (feel free to add extra!) Take it to ULC on **Easter Sunday**. Put a piece of paper inside with the words Change for a Change.” (*To credit your ULC account, convert your donation to check or cash as*

*everyone’s coins are combined in the counting machine.)*

- **PayPal on ULC Website** - Click the Donate button. Enter “Change for a Change” under Special Instructions.
- **Check** - Make payable to ULC and write “Change for a Change” on the memo line.

*Social Action Team*



## Many Groups Benefit from Our Work

ULC's Prayers and Squares chapter, a dedicated group of 12-14 ladies, continues to meet weekly and accomplish an astonishing amount of work. We are currently working on:

- Keeping an ample supply of prayer quilts available to fill your requests
- Keeping a tub of kids quilts for each of the young kids who arrive to attend the Samaritas classes in our Sunday School rooms
- Four high school graduation quilts
- MSU quilts for several of our MSU grads

- Large quilts (60x80") for the Afghan refugees in the Lansing area
- Eight Quilts of Valor quilts ready for long arm quilting, plus more in the pipeline
- Baby quilts for local charities

This month we were able to give the following to the Afghan refugees:

- 12 bundles (8/bundle) cloth napkins
- Four large quilts
- 15 baby and youth quilts
- Nine sets of large, crocheted potholders
- Table runners

- An overflowing bag of fabric (including a donation of wool fabric) with thread

Sewers and non-sewers are always welcome on Tuesday mornings from 10-12:30 p.m. There is something for everyone to do.

While the P & S ladies at ULC are busy in East Lansing, I have been quilting weekly with the Lutheran ladies here in South Carolina. For ten years now, I head home leaving them with a pile of quilt tops, and other things for their quilt ministry.

*Ann Booren*



## Making Progress!!!

When the 2021-2022 school year began last August, Kids Hope USA mentors had a big problem. Lansing schools did not allow visitors into their buildings. We began thinking about virtual mentoring with students while they were at school, but it was difficult to make it work.



The Valentine buffet for Forest View staff.

In November, Abby, the Student Support Specialist for Forest View, informed us that Kids Hope USA mentors had special permission to enter the school if they were vaccinated and wore a mask. With great joy, mentors were matched with students and mentoring began in-person mid-December and January. We currently have 12 mentors with 12 students.

Throughout the school year, it was obvious that the staff at Forest View was working in a challenging environment between Covid 19 and dealing with students who had

been out of the school building since 2020. The Kids Hope USA mentors supported staff with a luncheon in November, gift cards at Christmas and a Valentine's Day treats buffet.

In January the supplies used by mentors during sessions increased with a donation from the Kids Hope USA at St. Stephens. In order to accommodate the games, books, puzzles and educational materials, these items were moved to Classroom H in the Sunday School hallway.



The new storage area for mentoring supplies

More games are still needed and donations of new and gently used games would be welcome for the many students we serve. Contact me at [barbkissling@gmail.com](mailto:barbkissling@gmail.com) to donate.

*Barbara Kissling*  
*ULC Director of Kids Hope USA*

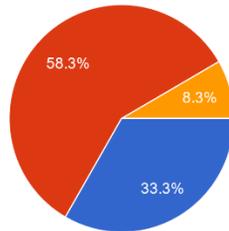
## ULC Racial Justice Ministry to Focus on MSU/LCC Anti-racist Efforts

Racial justice as a formally recognized ministry of ULC is fairly new. Our congregation formed a Racial Justice Team (RJT) in June 2020 to provide leadership for the ministry. The RJT formation was proceeded by discussions, workshops and prayer. The congregation added the RJT to the Bylaws in December 2020 and funded the ministry through the 2022 operating budget.

In December 2020, the RJT asked the ULC community for input on the racial justice issues in which they were most interested. The “Education System” and the “Policing and Judicial System” were equally identified at the top of the list. During 2021, the RJT provided historical and contemporary information about these systems, led discussions, and encouraged additional learning on these topics.

The RJT has also encouraged the ULC community to learn more through attending the “Understanding Racism” workshop. To date, 27 people from ULC have attended. While important and fundamental, working on learning about racism in itself is not enough. We also need to work on ourselves so we can understand how

Connect with and support MSU/LCC anti-racist efforts  
12 responses



- 5 - I am a champion for this idea
- 4 - This is a good idea
- 3 - I can live with this idea
- 2 - I have reservations about this idea
- 1 - I do not support this idea
- 0 - I will actively work against this idea

8.3% is equivalent to one person

about how the ULC Racial Justice Ministry might move forward. We identified main ideas and then indicated our individual level of enthusiasm for each. The idea with the most support is “Connect with and support MSU/LCC anti-racist efforts.” This is very fitting since ULC is a campus ministry – (We don’t HAVE a campus ministry, we ARE a campus ministry) – which includes students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

With this area of emphasis selected, the RJT will identify more detail on how we can engage as a worshipping community with MSU and LCC anti-racist efforts. If you have any ideas, suggestions, contacts, or support that you can contribute, please contact me or any member of the RJT. You can find the list of the RJT members on the ULC website here <https://www.ulcel.org/racial-justice.html>

*Vicki Anderson, RJT co-lead*

## Singing with Racial Justice

This month we will begin a new series “Singing with Racial Justice” in which we will look at the background stories of spirituals created by enslaved people that have been included in worship. For Africans who wanted to escape slavery, songs had an important purpose. They could be used to communicate. Their songs passed from one group to another – and along with the songs came the code.

**For example:** Harriet Tubman used the song “Wade in the Water” to tell escaping slaves to abandon the path



and move into the water. By traveling along the water’s edge or across a body of water, the slaves would throw chasing dogs and their keepers off the scent.

**Interesting Note:** Tubman also used slave songs to relay other messages.

Sometimes she had to leave a group she was leading north. She would tell them to hide and wait for her signal. If she came back and sang one song two times, they would know it was safe to come out of hiding. But if there was danger — slavecatchers in the area, for example — she would sing another song. This would mean that the group had to stay in hiding until Tubman sang the “all clear” song. If you didn’t know the signal, you might think that Tubman was singing just to pass the time of day.

*Connie Lenkowski*

ULC Council met via Zoom on March 17 and the following are highlights from the meeting. Discussion this month centered around imagining new possibilities for our physical space and continuing conversations on in-person worship logistics.

- Council discussed many options for further engaging both the congregation and surrounding community with the use of our physical space. No decisions were made.



### Council Notes

- Council has decided to keep the mask policy in place and continue watching numbers to determine whether singing could be allowed on Easter Sunday.
- Council heard the need for people to be hired to manage streaming logistics (both preparation for and during

services). This will be discussed with the personnel committee.

- Kristie Wiggert's 50th anniversary as ULC organist will be celebrated this year, tentatively scheduled for June 5th.

*Emily Uebel*  
ULC Council Secretary

#### Attendance

February 6: 784  
February 13: 824  
February 20: 1460  
February 27: 982

## ULC Archives

### Exploring Different Cultures in the 70s

An article in the April 1978 issue of Lux caught my attention. At a time when our congregation is looking at different cultures and how these cultures live and work together, we see that a similar activity took place over 40 years ago. This article was part of the monthly council meeting notes.

In 1977 Marge Zibbel joined the ULC staff as a Campus Staff Assistant. Some of us remember Marge as energetic with an abundance of ideas. The council notes by Lynn Fraedrich state the following:

*Marge Zibbel will be involved in a very exciting new project this spring. The council voted to give her a leave-of-absence in order to host the Mission-on-Six Continents program during the month of May. The Michigan District will reimburse ULC for her salary for that period.*



Marge Zibbel

*Marge will be the hostess for visitors to our country from each of six countries. She and her charges will visit churches all over Michigan.*

*An idea behind the visits is that the perceptions of people from completely different cultures can serve as a mirror for us, to help us to become aware of the things we never notice because they are so familiar. It is also intended to make us more aware of our global interdependency through contact with Christians from other countries.*

*This ties in well with our recent emphasis on global consciousness but may be even more valuable for parishes that have not concentrated on the matter recently.*

*Connie Lenkowski*

#### Birthdays

- 3 Bill Frysinger  
Gary Geisen  
Betsy Prince
- 4 Loran Bieber  
Erik Dawson-Baglien
- 6 Emily Viele
- 8 Brenda Stoneburner  
Bryan Rahe
- 9 Pam Bartlett



- 9 Annette Petersen
- 10 Kyle Saindon
- 12 Beth Hoger
- 13 Lianna Greiter  
Marcy Wilmes
- 14 David Wiggert

- Karl Fritz
- 15 Maya Bubolz
- 18 Maddie Tracy
- 21 Betsy Booren  
Cathy Satterlee
- 22 Lillian Gallagher  
David Nussdorfer
- 23 Kellie Klee
- 24 Joseph Anderson
- 25 Chad Waldron
- 27 Chris Frysinger  
Elizabeth Reynolds

- 28 Paul Milligan  
Bob Schikorra
- 30 Al Booren

#### Anniversaries

- 13 Lori & Jon Althouse
- 16 Pam & Paul Bartlett
- 29 Dale & Darlene Romsos
- 30 Jim & Jean Kocher



# APRIL 2022

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|----|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----|--------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1  | 5:00p  | Friday@Five-ULC                                                      | 16 | 10:00a | Easter Carnival-ULC                                                |                                   |
| 3  | 10:00a | Sunday in-person Worship-ULC/FB                                      | 17 |        | Easter Sunday                                                      |                                   |
|    | 11:10a | Forum-Fireside/Zoom<br>(Painting the Stars: Toward Healing the Rift) |    | 10:00a | Easter Worship-Sanctuary/Facebook                                  |                                   |
| 4  | 3:30p  | Tight Knit-Fireside                                                  | 18 | 3:30p  | Tight Knit-Fireside                                                |                                   |
| 5  | 7:30a  | Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Zoom*                                    | 19 | 7:30a  | Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Zoom*                                  |                                   |
|    | 9-4p   | ULC Office Open                                                      |    | 9-4p   | ULC Office Open                                                    |                                   |
|    | 10:00a | Prayers & Squares-Fellowship Hall                                    |    | 10:00a | Prayers & Squares-Fellowship Hall                                  |                                   |
|    | 12:30p | Staff Meeting-Zoom                                                   |    | 12:30p | Staff Meeting-Zoom                                                 |                                   |
|    | 6:30p  | Handbell Rehearsal-Sanctuary                                         |    | 12:30p | Lychnion Circle-Fireside                                           |                                   |
| 6  | 8:00a  | Mushers-IHOP, EL                                                     | 20 | 8:00a  | Mushers-IHOP, EL                                                   |                                   |
|    | 9-4p   | ULC Office Open                                                      |    | 9a-4p  | ULC Office Open                                                    |                                   |
|    | 9:30a  | Communications Team-Zoom                                             |    | 9:30a  | Amnos Circle-Fireside (Women of Bible)                             |                                   |
|    | Noon   | Lenten Worship (Priceless Grace)-Sanctuary                           |    | Noon   | Lectio-Zoom                                                        |                                   |
|    | 4:15p  | Worship Wednesday-Zoom*                                              |    | 1:00p  | Rhodon Circle-Fireside                                             |                                   |
|    | 4:30p  | Lead Management Team-Google Teams                                    |    | 4:15p  | Worship Wednesday-Zoom*                                            |                                   |
|    | 7:00p  | Lenten Worship (Priceless Grace)-FB only                             |    | 6:30p  | ULC Council-Zoom*                                                  |                                   |
| 7  | 9-4p   | ULC Office open                                                      | 21 | 9a-4p  | ULC Office Open                                                    |                                   |
|    | 7:30p  | Senior Choir-Zoom*                                                   |    | 10:00a | ULC Book Club-Fireside/Zoom                                        |                                   |
| 8  | 5:00p  | Friday@Five                                                          | 22 | 7:30p  | Senior Choir-Zoom*                                                 |                                   |
| 10 | 10:00a | Sunday Worship-Sanctuary/Facebook                                    | 24 | 5:00p  | Friday@Five                                                        |                                   |
|    | 11:10a | Forum-Fireside/Zoom<br>(Painting the Stars: A Renaissance of Wonder) |    | 24     | 10:00a                                                             | Sunday Worship-Sanctuary/Facebook |
|    | 3:30   | Tight Knit-Fireside                                                  |    | 11:10a | Forum-Fireside/Zoom<br>(Painting the Stars: Getting Genesis Wrong) |                                   |
| 12 | 7:30a  | Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Zoom*                                    | 25 | 3:30p  | Tight Knit-Fireside                                                |                                   |
|    | 9a-4p  | ULC Office Open                                                      | 26 | 7:30a  | Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Zoom*                                  |                                   |
|    | 10:00a | Prayers & Squares-Fellowship Hall                                    |    | 9-4p   | ULC Office Open                                                    |                                   |
|    | 12:30p | Staff Meeting-Zoom                                                   |    | 10:00a | Prayers & Squares-Fellowship Hall                                  |                                   |
| 13 | 8:00a  | Mushers-IHOP, EL                                                     |    | 12:30p | Staff Meeting-Zoom                                                 |                                   |
|    | 9a-4p  | ULC Office Open                                                      |    | 7:00p  | Pub Theology-Zoom*                                                 |                                   |
|    | Noon   | Lectio-Zoom                                                          |    | 7:00p  | Families Against Narcotics (FAN)-Fellowship                        |                                   |
|    | 4:15p  | Worship Wednesday-Zoom*                                              | 27 | 8:00a  | Mushers-IHOP, EL                                                   |                                   |
| 14 |        | Maundy Thursday                                                      |    | 9a-4p  | ULC Office Open                                                    |                                   |
|    | 9a-4p  | ULC Office Open                                                      |    | Noon   | Lectio-Zoom                                                        |                                   |
|    | 9:30a  | Brunch Bunch-EL IHOP                                                 |    | 4:15p  | Worship Wednesday-Zoom*                                            |                                   |
|    | 7:00p  | Maundy Thursday Worship-Sanctuary/FB                                 | 28 | 9a-4p  | ULC Office Open                                                    |                                   |
|    | 7:30p  | Senior Choir-Zoom*                                                   |    | 3:30p  | Food Movers Distribution-Drive thru                                |                                   |
| 15 |        | Good Friday                                                          |    | 7:30p  | Senior Choir-Zoom*                                                 |                                   |
|    | 12:00p | Seven Last Words-Sanctuary/FB                                        | 29 | 5:00p  | Friday@Five                                                        |                                   |
|    |        |                                                                      | 30 |        | Arts Chorale Rehearsal                                             |                                   |

FB = Facebook Live \* Zoom link contacts: Choir - Janine Smith; Tuesday Study - Jim Kiefer; Pub Theology – Pastor Gary; Lectio Divina - Britny; Worship Wednesday for Kids – Pastor Haley Vay; Council Meeting – Joy Oslund; Sunday Forum – Weekly email (contact Britny at [ulcsec@ulcel.org](mailto:ulcsec@ulcel.org) to be added to the email list)



## Newsletter SUBMISSIONS

The deadline for the May Lux is **Friday, Apr. 15.**

E-mail articles to Amy Wagenknecht at [amylarryw@comcast.net](mailto:amylarryw@comcast.net) and Britny Pollard at [ulcsec@ulcel.org](mailto:ulcsec@ulcel.org) or place them in the Lux mailbox in the ULC office. Articles may be edited for size or readability, but you will be contacted if significant changes are made. Keep those wonderful photos and articles coming! Thanks!



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**NEW at ULC - Mark Your Calendars!**

**ULC Outdoor Summer Concert Series**

Sunday, July 10 at 6 p.m.

**Lansing Concert Band**

The Lansing Concert Band is a community band celebrating 75 years in the Mid-Michigan area. This 60-member band is well-known for its extensive repertoire and consistent high-quality.

Sunday, July 31 at 6 p.m.

**Orquesta Ritmo**

Orquesta Ritmo, led by Michael Eyia, was created to introduce and entertain the American public in the electrifying genre of Latin music. This 10-piece salsa band has been performing since the late 70s.

Sunday, Aug. 14 at 6 p.m.

**J & J Sounds**

J&J Sounds, a 9-piece band, performs the music of the Blues Brothers, Chicago, Motown and the pop classics of the 50's and 60's.

The Outdoor Summer Concert Series is funded by a grant from the ULC Endowment Fund.